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KEY TO CODE WORDS AND COVERNAMES OCCURRING IN PRECEDING MESSAGE (1943)

From:

MEXICO CITY

To:

MOSCOW

No:

177-179, 006

30 December 1943, 3 January 1944

[4-part message complete]

[Part I]

To PETROV[i]

We report herewith the code for telegram No 41[ii]:

TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT (with) [DOGOVORIT'SYa] - to contact;

RECIPE[RETSEPT][iii]

[8 groups unrecovered]

DISSOLVED[RASTVOREN]

taken[iv];

VALUABLE[TSENNYJ]

encoded;

STRUCTURE[SOSTAV][v]

operation;

MIXTURE[SMES']

plan;

REPAIR[REMONT]

the RITA[vi] affair;

[12 groups unrecovered]

GNOM[vi]

RITA;

[Continued overleaf]

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[17 groups unrecovered]

- [2 groups unrecovered];

HEALTH[ZDOROV'E]

- [1 group unrecovered];

[Part II] WAREHOUSE[SKLAD][viii]

- court of law;

[vii]

[6 groups unrecovered]...er/ER[ix];

THEORY[TEORIYa]

road;

RETORT[KOLBA][x]

- machine gun;

[10 groups unrecovered]

[C% GLITsERIN][xi]

[24 groups unrecovered]

our combat groups[xii]

[8 groups unrecovered]

TWO POLICE CONSTABLES[DVA STRAZHNIKA]

[25 groups unrecoverable]

[Part III] [viři]

[Part III] [3 groups unrecovered]

- pistol;

STOVES[PECHI]

- [C% un]crowded streets;

WILL BE STRENGTHENED (BUDET USILEN]

[44 groups unrecovered]

 they will transfer from one place to another[xiii];

TEMPERATURE[TEMPERATURA]

- [C% reduction] of the guard;

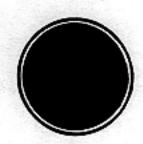
AUTHOR[AVTOR]

- house

[4 groups unrecovered];



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SODA[SODA]

- [C% motor-car];

ZONE[ZONA]

[9 groups unrecovered];

BY DIRECT[PRYAMYM]

- by contraband[xiv];

SOIL[POCHVA]

[41 groups unrecoverable]

IT TURNED OUT THAT THE CONDITIONS WERE DIFFICULT[OKAZALIS' TRUDNYMI USLOVIYG]

[4 groups unrecovered];

IZOBRETENIE[xv]

Senator PALOMA[xv] former Governor

of YUCATAN

[20 groups unrecovered]

CHEMISTS[KhIMIKI]

[1 group unrecovered];

CONDITIONS[USLOVIYa]

[9 groups unrecovered]

[Part IV]

[13 groups unrecovered];

SCIENTISTS[UCHENYE]

Mexicans;

ELEMENTS [BLEMENTY]

- groups;

[2 groups unrecovered]

[4 groups unrecovered]

suspicion;

LOAD[NAGRUZKA]

- military [1 group unrecovered];

TEST[ISPYTANIE]

- bribery;

[28 groups unrecovered];

EXHIBIT[EKSPONAT]

- [B% deputy] for political affairs

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TOP SECRET



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[10 groups unrecovered].

We send the whole group[KOLLEKTIV] our warm wishes for the New Year.

[xvii]

SEMEN[xviii]

Footnotes: [i] PETROV:

Lavrentij Pavlovich BERIYa.

- [ii] MEXICO CITY's external Nos 174-176 of 29 December 1943 (3/NBF/T2256).
- [iii] Or "principles of prescription-writing[RETsEPTURA]".
 - [iv] ie "taken in a vehicle/driven".
 - [v] Or "composition/staff/membership" etc.
 - [vi] RITA/GNOM: Jaime Ramon MERCADER.

The changed covername "GNOM", ie "GNOME", first occurs on 29 December 1943 (Footnote [ii] above).

This is the only recovered occurrence of covername "RITA" on the MEXICO CITY link. It occurs in NEW YORK-MEXICO secret writing letters from January to November 1943; and on the NEW YORK link from May to September 1943 and in one or two later messages (eg NEW YORK's No 1144 of 10 August 1944, 3/NBF/T224.5).

- [vii] The sequence of Parts II and III is not certain and may be reversed.
- [viii] Also occurs in MEXICO CITY's Nos 218 of 29 March 1944 (3/NEF/T994), 229 of 2 April 1944 (T869) and 474 of 6 June 1944 (T686).
 - [ix] Ending of a word or name: most Russian words in ... ER equate to English words in ...er.
 - [x] ie the vessel used for distilling etc.
 - [xi] GLITSERIN: ie "GLYCERINE"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW to MEXICO CITY No 237 of 20 April 1944 (3/NBF/T951); and in MEXICO CITY's Nos 55 of 15 January 1944 (unpublished), 238, 281 of 6, 21 April 1944 (T947, T730) and 474 of 6 June 1944 (T686).



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Footnotes

(Continued): [xii] "Combat groups [BOEVAYa GRUPPA]", composed of "fighting agents [BOEVIK]", were sent abroad by the NKGB to perpetrate sabotage, assassination, etc.

[xiii] Or ".. transfer [transitive] from one vehicle to another".

[xiv] Adjective.

[xv] Senator PALOMA: Not further identified. "IZOBRETENIE" (IZOBRETENIE) means "INVENTION".

[xvi] YuRIJ:

Lev Aleksandrovich TARASOV.

[xvii] This message was sent at the end of Part I of message

[xviii] SEMEN:

Probably Pavel Osipovich PROShIN, Attaché, head of code room.

